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MAXIMUM FEES FOR MARRIAGES ARE SET BY STATE LAW (MGL c.262 s.35): The fee for lawfully solemnizing and certifying a marriage shall not exceed \$100 if performed in the justice of the peace's home community or \$150 if performed in any municipality in the commonwealth; provided, however, that no additional charge shall be made for travel in connection with such solemnization notwithstanding any law to the contrary. Nor shall any additional charge be made by a justice of the peace, for providing flowers, for providing music, for providing a photographer, for providing a location where the marriage ceremony takes place, or for providing an unofficial certificate of marriage. Additional charges are allowable for pre-nuptial counseling conferences, rehearsals, and other special requests by the couple whose marriage is being solemnized; provided, however, that the amount of these additional charges must be disclosed in writing to the couple whose marriage is being solemnized at least forty-eight hours prior to the rendering of these services. The total fee for lawfully solemnizing and certifying a marriage shall not exceed the fee limit fixed for solemnizing and certifying a marriage in a justice of the peace's home community where a municipal employee who is also a justice of the peace solemnizes a marriage in a municipal building at a time when said building is regularly open for business.